

# NEWSLETTER 9TH MARCH 2016



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### Dates for your diary

### Spring 2

Thursday 10th March 2016 9.00am - Year 1 parent assembly Friday 11th March 2016 3.00pm - Year R cake sale Tuesday 15th March 2016 9.00am - Year 2 parent assembly Friday 18th March 2016 Walk/run a mile for Sports Relief Friday 18th March 2016 Year 1 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium, Portsmouth Monday 21st March 2016 2.15pm - Year 2 SATS meeting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 9.00am - Year 2 SATS meeting Thursday 24th March 2016 2.30pm - Year 1 Big Sing - parents invited Thursday 24th March 2016 Easter Egg Hunt Thursday 24th March 2016 3.00pm - 3.15pm Lost property table Thursday 24th March 2016 3.00pm - Break up for Easter holidays

# Summer 1

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Summer 1 begins at 8.45am

INSET Days 2015-2016
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

# Important things to remember

- Everything your child wears or brings into school must be labelled
- Children require a waterproof jacket with arms and hood
- All children require a water bottle in school every day this must ONLY contain still water no fizzy drinks or squash
- PE kits must be in school at all times and include a tracksuit and trainers for outdoors
- Lunch boxes to be labelled with your child's name and class and please do not include sweets, nuts or products containing nuts e.g. Nutella
- Children must be registered with Cool Milk (<a href="www.coolmilk.com">www.coolmilk.com</a>) in order to receive milk in school, even if they are entitled to it free of charge. This includes children who are entitled to free milk until the term before they turn 5.

Thank you to all parents for your support with dressing your children as their favourite book characters for World Book Day last week. We all had a fantastic time and photos have been put on our Facebook page and website for you all to see.

We have a busy couple of weeks leading up to Easter starting off with parents assemblies for Years 1 & 2 and the Year R cake sale on Friday. As always, please keep a look out for Newsletters, letters and emails regarding important dates.



### PTA Cake Sale

The next PTA Cake Sale will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in the Junior playground. At this sale we would like <u>Year R</u> to donate homemade or shop bought cakes - <u>but they must not contain nuts</u> please. Any containers should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class and can be collected from the office after the event.

## School Lunches

Please look out for the new school lunch menus which will be sent home in bookbags before we break up for Easter. Please note there will be a change to the buffet option and one week it will be Jacket Pototo as normal and the following week it will be Pasta with a tomato based sauce or with grated cheese. You will be able to check our website calendar for confirmation of which buffet week we will be on and all staff in classrooms will also be aware for when children are picking their lunch option in the morning. However, we will be starting with Jacket Potatoes for the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> April and Pasta for the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> April and alternate weeks after that.

# Outdoor Coats

Due to the ever changing weather we are experiencing, please ensure, if possible, your child always comes to school with an appropriate coat with a hood. We encourage the children to be outside at break and lunctimes and it is a shame if they cannot fully enjoy all the play equipment if they do not have the suitable clothing. As always, clothing should be labelled.



#### Parent Forum

Due to the positive feedback we are receiving in the Parent Forum's, we will now be trialling holding these on a termly, rather than half termly basis. As always, if you do have any concerns in the meantime, please contact the school office who will pass these onto the relevant person to contact you.

## Lost Property Table

Please be aware that starting from Thursday 24th March, on the last Thursday of every month, Mrs Rogerson will be running a Lost Property Table at 3pm - 3.15pm in the corridor outside the hall. All items of lost property will be displayed on there for you to check and claim if they are yours.

#### Reading

All year groups are in need of parents or grandparents to come in and listen to the children read. If you have an hour to spare each week, please let us know as all help is gratefully received. All you need to do is be DBS checked before you can volunteer and forms are available from the school office.



### Sports Relief

Next week, our Pupil Council are organising a fun event to raise money for Sports Relief. All children are encouraged to walk or run a whole mile, individually or as part of a team, and Year 2 pupils will be measuring for us. A separate letter is being sent in relation to this and all voluntary donations will be gratefully received.

# Attendance Matters

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you must inform the school office by 9.30am that day. Please speak to a member of the office staff, however, in the event they are unable to answer the phone, we do have a voicemail facility. If using this, please make sure you leave a clear and detailed message including your child's name, class and why they are off. Saying 'unwell' is not acceptable as this does not provide us with enough information. We attempt to make contact with parents when we are not notified of a reason for absence, and if we do not hear back from you the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
22/02/16	95.3%	98.7%	94.5%	96.9%	96.0%	96.9%	96.4%
29/02/16	100%	89.3%	95.5%	97.2%	98.0%	98.6%	96.4%